



Dear SD FCCLA Chapters-

Greetings from the 2008-2009 SD FCCLA Career Team! We are excited to be serving you in the coming year. If you are ever in need of career development related resources please feel free to contact any of the team members.

As a result of this year's training we have compiled the following FCCLA State Career Team Project. We encourage all chapters to not only participate but also be recognized for your hard work! Please note that the 2008-2009 roster of career team members is listed at the end of this letter.

This year's theme is 'Catch the Career Wave with FCCLA'. We have created a wide assortment of activities to help your chapter members strengthen their career skills and knowledge. So, here are some ideas to help you set sail for success!

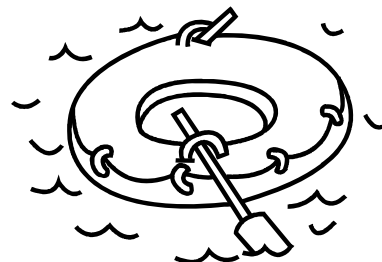
Part 1: Beware, Be Prepared!



Avoid the "Titanic Theory" which commonly includes over inflated feelings of confidence and your own personal guarantee that YOU are unsinkable. Reality says...better think again. Here are some project ideas to ensure you're fully prepared for the rough waters ahead.

- ✓ Put your priorities into action by conducting a 'Values Auction'
- ✓ Organize a 'Get the Scoop' ice cream social and career fair. Invite colleges, employers, military reps and other community organizations. Open the doors to high school students and community members who may be struggling during these economic slow times.
- ✓ Demonstrate Cost of Living Comparisons found online.
- ✓ Sponsor a Career Skills Quiz Bowl Tournament. Have fun testing their career smarts! Teams may earn 'Career Cash' redeemable for prizes.
- ✓ Complete the Career Clusters Interest Survey to identify individual strengths and weaknesses.
- ✓ Career Costs Calculator- create posters showing the average career investment (such as schooling, living expenses, tools/supplies) compared to average beginning salaries for specific occupations.

Part 2: Life Raft Rescue!



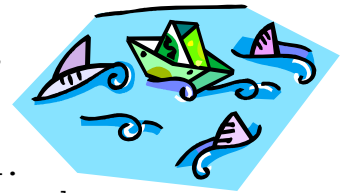
It's always smart to have a backup plan! And, don't forget that the workplace is constantly changing. Here are some ideas to build a strong life raft in case you need rescuing!



- Play the Game of LIFE! Check out the FEFE adaptation of the popular board game LIFE. Log on for free at <http://fefe.arizona.edu/index.php> and search 'Game of LIFE'.
- Have a game night...featuring career skills. The games of Imagine If, Chain Reaction, Charades, PayDay, and Monopoly can all be easily modified to include career related information.
- Networking is the name of the game- play 'Crack the Whip'. Start with 1 person and add more people who have similar career goals, experiences, etc. to the last person added to the human chain.
- Expand career experiences through internships, volunteer work, coursework and networking between other Career and Technical Organizations.

Part 3: Beware of Sharks!!!

- * Dangerous Debt- Challenge chapter members to set and reach a savings goal. Donate the proceeds to a local FCCLA scholarship or the state scholarship fund. Also, invite a guest speaker to talk about the dangers of sinking yourself in college debt.
- * Signs are Posted! Call it 'toilet talk' or 'bladder chatter' either way- get the word out on today's hottest careers and the value of transferable work skills.



- * Take a field trip to the bank- learn the different options for saving. Follow up by challenging classmates and FCCLA members to a mock investment competition.
- * Warn fellow chapter members of the costly danger that drugs and alcohol can have on accomplishing your career goals. Sponsor a poster making contest, utilize morning announcements and invite guest speakers.

Part 4: Ride the Wave of Success!

It takes a lot of hard work and a constant lookout for dangers but...you'll soon catch a sweet wave that most likely will propel you towards success. Here are some ideas to help make the most of some totally rad opportunities coming your way!

- ☆ Organize a practice interview round robin for high school students and community members struggling to find employment. Invite business owners to serve as the interviewers providing reassurance and guidance.
- ☆ Job Shadow Day- take some real life lessons in what a potential career would be like.



- ☆ Invite current college students and recent graduates to a pizza party to share their tips for selecting a college, scholarships, the FAFSA and college budgeting. Don't forget to include local FCCLA alumni members!
- ☆ Hold a workshop including basic interview skills, how to fill out a job application, resume writing, basic phone skills, etc. Its amazing what a crash course in career skills could do for fellow FCCLA members and community members.
- ☆ Make a career collage with middle school students including the career they would like to study. Include a small note to themselves as to what they'd like to accomplish in life. Make a time capsule for it and don't open it until graduation their senior year.

State Project Expectations-

1. Create a program of work which best addresses the needs of your chapter, school and community related to riding the wave of success.
2. Document your accomplishments and submit the recognition form next spring.
3. Chapters are not limited to these activities and/or suggestions. They are simply provided as starting point ideas- feel free to create your own.
4. Projects will be evaluated on the following criteria-
 - Impact on school and community
 - Number of FCCLA and non-FCCLA individuals involved in the project
 - Creativity of projects and activities conducted

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions!

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